

REMARKS

This reply is filed in response to the office action dated January 18, 2005.

Reconsideration of the application and the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-9 appears to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,388,056 ("Horiuchi"). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,842,148 ("Prendergast"). Claims 2-4, 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Horiuchi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,412,237 ("Sahai").

Claims 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Prendergast in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,412,237 ("Sahai").

During the telephone conversation on April 12, 2005, Examiner Pham and Eunhee Park agreed that amending the independent claims to also include "defined from a structure plan" would overcome the rejections based on the cited references. In this reply, claims are being amended accordingly. In addition, a new independent claim is being added.

This reply is filed with a request for continued examination (RCE). All pending claims are believed to be patentable and a favorable Office Action is hereby earnestly solicited. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

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